

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
Mansfield Town Hall
Conference Room B
7:30 pm
Minutes
May 6, 2014

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm
2. Attendance: Al Cyr, Shep Stearns, Ed Hall, Charlie Galgowski, Bryan Kielbania, Kathleen Paterson, and Jennifer Kaufman (staff). Guest: Dale Thompson.
3. Minutes of the June meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Old Business
 - Mansfield Tomorrow Update- Jennifer updated members regarding Mansfield Tomorrow. Planning and Zoning is currently reviewing the draft plan. It is hoped that the plan officially received by PZC in the fall July and the 65 day public will begin at that point. Public hearings will take place in late fall.
5. New Business
 - *Commonfields*-Jennifer reported that Tom Wells has applied roundup to the Commonfields, per his plan that the committee agreed to in May. The herbicide was applied by a licensed applicator who followed all of the CT DEEP regulations.
 - *Outreach*
 - CLICK- Jennifer spoke with Phoebe Godfrey who stated that the kitchen would not be up and running until October. The committee decided to wait until late winter to have a tour and perhaps host a joint AgCom meeting in the early spring to encourage producers to use the kitchen for value added products.
 - Joint Meeting with other AgComs-Jennifer will contact some of the other AgComs in the area to see when they are planning to have a joint meeting. As a first step, committee members agreed to attend one of these meetings to start the networking process moving forward.
 - Other- The committee discussed the possibility of obtaining a small budget to develop a display that could be used at the farmers market, festival on the square and other venues to promote agriculture in Mansfield. It was mentioned that perhaps the committee should brief the Town Council on their activities again. The last presentation was in 2010.
 - Request to hunt on the Baxter Property-Jennifer will research what has been done in other Towns and report back to the committee.
6. Future Agendas
 - Easement Projects
 - Outreach
 - Hunting
7. Announcements
 - Report on AGvocate Conference-Vicky will report in June about the conference.
8. Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.